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DIVISION OF SANITARY ENGINEERING
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Mr. C. W. Klassen
Illinois Sanitary Water Board
535 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Mr. Klassen:

We received your telegram on Tuesday, June 23, 1970 and Messrs. Pierle and Buckley of Monsanto Company called your office on our behalf later that day. As they indicated to you, we have no record of any upset which would cause oil to be lost from the treatment plant. The flows remained within the pumping capacity of the plant and all waste was processed through the settling basins throughout the period in question. Skimming proceeded normally and the system was not overloaded. Checks with the industries revealed no reports of problems or spills.

It took a long time for the Coast Guard's report to reach the superintendent of the Sauget Village waste treatment plant and this hampered the investigation.

We have therefore secured the cooperation of the Monsanto Company's barge terminal personnel and will develop a better system of communication. This will have two objectives: (a) to provide surveillance of the area surrounding the Village outfall, and (b) to initiate prompt investigation and corrective action in the event that visible pollution occurs.

We are very concerned about this occurrence and assure you of our cooperation in preventing further such incidents.

Yours truly,

Paul Sauget
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